Objectives of the Absolutist State- It’s good to be King! How to rule with an Iron Fist without having to take off the gloves!

1. **Secure Obedience- Ideally without force**

1. **Exert Control over Economic Life- link people’s economic life to the State**
2. **Protect the Territory and the Expansion of its Claims**
3. **Create a State Bureaucracy/organization loyal to the Leader- State Bureaucracies are governmental departments that have authority over a certain issue/area and employees workers to administer the department.**
4. **Enlist the Service of Religion, ie. Moral authority- gain hearts and minds. One Leader, One Religion, One State**

And…

1. Employ Culture to Exalt the State- create an environment that makes people proud or chauvinistic about their nation
2. Implicit and structured social inequality- Tough one! Implicit means? Structured social inequality? Eg. Slavery in the US- poor whites felt some degree of authority. Everyone has their place